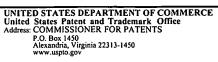


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1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on $\underline{2}$	6 October 2001 .		
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL . 2b) ☑	This action is non-final.		
3) Since this application is in condition for allo closed in accordance with the practice under			
Disposition of Claims			
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-47</u> is/are pending in the application			
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withd	rawn from consideration.		
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.			
6)☐ Claim(s) is/are rejected.			
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.			
8) Claim(s) <u>1-47</u> are subject to restriction and/o	or election requirement.		
9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Exami	ner		
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) acc		Examiner	
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11) The proposed drawing correction filed on		, ,	
If approved, corrected drawings are required in		,	
12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the	Examiner.		
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120			
13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for fore	ign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 1	19(a)-(d) or (f).	
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:			
1. Certified copies of the priority docume	ents have been received.		
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14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for dome	stic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 1	19(e) (to a provisional application	۱).
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Claims1-23, drawn to amethod of tax preparation, classified in class 705, subclass 31.
- II. Claims 24-46, drawn to a system, classified in class 700, subclass 29.
- IIII. Claim 47, drawn to 365, classified in class 365, subclass 232.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

Inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the process can be practiced by human intervention, e.g. preparation by a CPA.

Inventions I, II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention III has separate utility such as a medium on which is recorded music. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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A telephone call was made to Atty Yee on October 20 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Joseph A. Fischetti at telephone number (703) 305-0731. Ma from Exam